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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: JOFFREY BALLET

REF/ STATE 243601 AND 237094, MOSCOW 15169.

1. GOLOVIN ACCEPTS ROBERT JOFFREY BALLET FOR USSR TOUR
BUT WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS:

A. HE FIRMLY SAYS HE WILL ONLY PAY #1,000/1,000 RUBLES
PER PERFORMANCE.

B. GOLOVIN THINKS COMPANY IS TOO BIG. WHEN JOFFREY
LAST TOURED HERE TEN YEARS AGO, THE WHOLE COMPANY TOTALED
34. THIS TIME 87. WHAT ESPECIALLY BOTHERS GOLOVIN IS THAT
ONLY 47 ARE DANCERS. FORTY "OTHERS" ARE TOO MUCH.
GOSK SAID WHEN BOLSHOI TOURS, ONLY 10 PERCENT ARE "OTHERS."
PLISETSKAYA IS PLANNING TO TOUR WITH A GROUP OF 50 OF
WHICH ONLY 8 ARE "OTHERS." GOLOVIN WOULD LIKE TO SEE
JOFFREY PARED DOWN TO ABOUT 50 PERSONS TOTAL.

C. GOSK SUGGESTS TOUR START NOVEMBER 10 AFTER SOVIET HOLIDAYS.

D. GOSK SUGGESTED JOFFREY MIGHT LENGTHEN TOUR HERE UP TO
SIX WEEKS AND VISIT MORE CITIES.

2. GOLOVIN AGREES TRY AND SEND APPROPRIATE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE
TO REVIEW JOFFREY REPERTOIRE IN NEW YORK MARCH 1974.

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3. GOLOVIN AGREES RECEIVE JOFFREY STAGE MANAGER PROBABLY IN FEBRUARY TO REVIEW PERFORMANCE SITES AND DISCUSS RELATED MATTERS. DEFINITE DATE OF TRIP TO BE CONFIRMED. GOSK WILL COVER INTERNAL EXPENSES ONLY.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HOPEFUL THAT IF NUMBER OF PERSONS IN COMPANY REDUCED, WE MAY BE ABLE RAISE HONORARIUM SOMEWHAT DESPITE GOLOVIN'S FIRM STATEMENTS TO CONTRARY. OTHERWISE LAST RESORT MAY BE APPEAL TO MINCULT OR MFA.

5. FYI: GOLOVIN STARTS EXTENDED LEAVE DECEMBER 15 UNTIL END JANUARY. GOSK DIRECTOR ALESHCHENKO WILL CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS. END FYI.SOMERLATTEE

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